

### **REMARKS**

Applicant has received and reviewed the Office Action dated May 27, 2009, and the Advisory Action dated September 2, 2009. By way of response, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16, and 18 without prejudice and added claims 19-28. No new matter has been added. Claims 17 and 19-28 are pending.

This Amendment After Final should be entered because it cancels rejected claims to gain allowance of an allowed claim. The Advisory Action indicated that a claim 29 of the unentered Amendment and Response, which was identical to previously pending and examined claim 16, raised new matter. This amendment does not include any claim analogous to claims 16 or 29, which recited a vending machine. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

#### **Allowed Claim 17**

The Office Action indicates that claim 17 is allowed. Accordingly, Applicant presents claim 17 and dependent claims for allowance and issue. The allowable claims that depend from claim 17 are duplicates of previous claims 3, 5-10, and 13-16, but they depend from claim 17.

In the Office Action, claims 3, 9, 10 and 15 were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but were otherwise allowable. Newly presented dependent claims 19 and 24, 25, and 28, which correspond to claims 3, 9, 10, and 15, depend from an allowable claim and are, therefore, in condition for allowance.

Newly presented dependent claims 20-23 and 27 correspond to dependent claims 5-8 and 16, which were subject to a prior art rejection. Since claim 17 is free of this prior art rejection, dependent claims 20-23 and 27 are also in condition for allowance.

Rejected claim 12 is not included in the newly presented dependent claims. Claims 13 and 14 did not include the term objected to in claim 12. Newly presented claims 26 and 27 correspond to claims 13 and 14 and, thus, are in condition for allowance.

**Examiner Interview**

Applicant's undersigned representative appreciates the courtesies extended in a telephonic interview conducted on August 24, 2009. The Examiner and Applicant's Undersigned Representative discussed the rejection of claim 18.

**The Rejected Claims Have Been Canceled**

Claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 12-14 have been canceled without prejudice, which renders this rejection moot.

Claims 1, 5-8, 12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Ancona et al. Claims 1, 5-8, 12 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice, which renders this rejection moot.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ancona et al. in view of Bly. Claim 18 has been canceled without prejudice, which renders this rejection moot.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections and notification of allowance of the presently pending claims.

**Summary**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

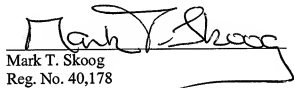
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